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REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Mineralogical and Geological Section of the Academy, would respectfully report that meetings of the Section with the Academy have been held regularly every month during the year, besides other meetings of the Section.

One hundred and four specimens of minerals and rocks have been presented during the year by twenty individuals.

The special feature of the year has been a series of excursions by the Section to various points of mineralogical and geological interest in the vicinity of Philadelphia. These have been most successful; the attendance has ranged from twenty to upward of fifty. The interest manifested has been great, and it is hoped that many young persons have been influenced toward the study of minerals and rocks. These excursions have been without expense to the Section, except for stationery, etc.

Some members of the Section, with the Conservator, and with the assent of the Curators, are engaged in rectifying the labels of the specimens in the Academy's collection, quite a number of which were found to have either wrong localities, or localities too indefinite.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,

Director.

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

During the past year much important work has been accomplished in the re-arrangement of the Ornithological collections, and they are now in an excellent state of preservation.

The renovation of the exhibition collection of birds has been begun in accordance with the plan outlined in last year's report, and with the assistance of the Academy's able taxidermist, Mr. D. N. McCadden, very satisfactory progress has been made.

The collection of North American birds has been entirely remounted on walnut or stained stands, and re-labelled in accordance with the American Ornithologists' Union check-list, while the habitat of each species also appears on the label, which will prove of material aid to those who consult the collection. The whole